

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR SOUTH COUNTY BEACHES

Tijuana River Flows Enter The U.S. Following Rain On Sunday

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has issued a water contact closure for the ocean shoreline from the U.S./ Mexico border to the north end of Imperial Beach due to sewage-contaminated runoff in the Tijuana River. River flows began entering the U.S. and the Tijuana Estuary on Sunday morning, July 16<sup>th</sup>, following rainfall in the eastern Tijuana watershed. Field observations today verified contamination and northward moving ocean currents at the estuary outlet to the ocean. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.

OR go to www.cleanup.org and enter your zip code. Select "Beach Water Quality"

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